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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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**RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

Dear Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the non-final Office Action dated July 11, 2008, which specified a three-month shortened statutory period for reply that ends on October 14, 2008, since October 11 was a Saturday, October 12 was a Sunday, and October 13 was a Federal holiday. Further examination and reconsideration are respectfully requested in view of the amendments and remarks set forth below.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the Listing of Claims that begins on **page 2**.

**Remarks** begin on **page 35**.